

Loddon & Clavering Rural District Council.

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Loddon, Norwich.

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Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting to you my report of the above district for 1897. The health of the district has been satisfactory. There having been one death less than last year. The mortality in the workhouse is very large, one death more than last year, namely 21. Still 19 were over the age of 68.

Inspections

The whole district has been periodically and systematically inspected. The houses are on the whole fairly clean & habitable; only one house has been closed as unfit for human habitation.

Nuisances
abated &
alterations
made

There has been a very great deal of work done under this heading, more than last year. In Loddon, at the south end of Loddon Street, 178 feet of 9 inch glazed sewer pipes have been laid; two inspection chambers & three street-gullies have been constructed. The new drains which were constructed last year, in accordance with the special report made by Dr. J. Monckton Copeman after the serious outbreak of enteric fever, have been periodically cleaned out. Also some new drains on the east side of Loddon Street have been cleaned out periodically & constantly inspected. I beg to append a list of work done during the year & I think you will

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Consider it very large, viz: -

No of Houses & Premises inspected	1094
" " Notices served (legal).	210
Privies reconstructed	355
Accumulations removed	3
Offensive water courses cleared	10
Wells cleaned out	3
Premises cleaned & dis-infected	21
Overcrowding cases abated	3
New ashpits - provided	17
New drains laid & cleared	104
New stop sniks	5
Drains trapped	79
House drains tested	4
Premises condemned	1
Urinals repaired	9
General nuisances abated	14
Notices served in the Parish of Topcroft, to provide proper water supply	28

Vital Statistics

Deaths

The number of Births registered this year is 332, against 341 of last year, giving an average of 25.14 per 1000.

There have been 190 deaths in the district during the year, against 191 of last year. I append a tabulated form: -

The whole district	190,	average	14.38	per 1000
No 1	41	"	13.34	" "
No 2	52	"	14.32	" "
No 3	45	"	14.31	" "
No 4	31	"	9.50	" "
The workhouse	21	"	"	" "

The deaths recorded are from: -

Phthisis	19	19
Chest Complaints (Bronchitis, Pneumonia, Pleurisy)	16	16
Heart-disease	13	13
Diphtheria	2	2
Enteric fever	1	1
Inquests	8	8

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Infectious
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notified.

There have been 101 cases of infectious diseases notified in the district; viz: -

Scarlatina	58
Diphtheria	20
Enteric fever	7
Puerperal fever	1
Erysipelas	15

Water Supply

The water supply in the district is fairly good, except in the parishes of Beddington & Topcroft, where the water is obtained chiefly from ponds. Mr. Whittaker, your Sanitary Inspector, has served 28 notices in Topcroft alone, to obtain a wholesome & sufficient water supply. He has also served several notices of the same kind in the parish of Beddington.

Schools closed

The No. of schools closed this year is far less than last year, 5 only being closed against 13 last year. I append a list with dates of closing & reopening & the cause, viz: -

	closed	reopened	cause
Aldeby National School	Jan 11		
Langley " "	Jan 29		whooping cough
Thurston Board " "	Oct.		Scarlatina
Ditchingham Orphanage	Oct. 14		Diphtheria
Miss Mayhew's private school.	Dec. 9	after holidays	Diphtheria

Dairies

New dairies registered: 7. making the total of dairies registered in the district 22. There were 96 inspections of the dairies made & 27 notices served.

On April 1st I visited & inspected a house in Loddon, occupied by Mr. Balls & found it in a very dirty state. I reported to the Rural District Council at their next meeting. Mr. Balls was removed to the workhouse at Heckingham. On June 8th I met Dr. S. Monckton Copeman at the workhouse at Heckingham & with him inspected the

Hospital connected with the Workhouse, in view of making it into an infectious Hospital for the whole district; but the result of the inspection was not-satisfactory. On Oct. 14th I visited & inspected the school at Ditchingham Orphanage, having received notifications of diphtheria. I found that the disease had clearly been imported. Dr. Tetley had already ordered the school to be closed. On Oct. 18th I journeyed with Mr. Whittaker down to the marshes at Langley by the Berney Arms to on account of notifications of scarlatina. We found a bad drain close to the door, which was ordered to be removed. The privy also was not-satisfactory & was ordered to be remedied. On Oct. 26th I visited & thoroughly inspected Thurlton Board School & reported.

I trust, gentlemen, you will consider this a satisfactory report. I have again to thank Mess^{rs} Whittaker & White, your Sanitary Inspectors, for their valuable assistance.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully

P. Thurlton Prior

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